

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Soichi YAMAZAKI, et al.

Docket No: Q78069

Appln. No.: 10/687,968

Group Art Unit: 1756

Confirmation No.: 8631

Examiner: Mark A. CHAPMAN

Filed: October 20, 2003

For: TONER, FIXING DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

10/24/2005 MDAMTE1 00000015 10687968
03 FC:1806 180.00 OP

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of

Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore a check for the fee of $180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



John K. Shin
Registration No. 48,409

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE
23373
CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: October 20, 2005

OIPE
OCT 20 2005
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
1AP82

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/687,968
Confirmation Number	8631
Filing Date	October 20, 2003
First Named Inventor	Soichi YAMAZAKI
Art Unit	1756
Examiner Name	Mark A. CHAPMAN
Attorney Docket Number	Q78069

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.[1]	Document Number: Number	Document Number: Kind Code[2] (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		US 3,965,021		06-22-1976	Clemens et al.
		US 2004/0137354		07-15-2004	Yamazaki et al.
		US 2004/0152006		08-05-2004	Teshima
		US 2005/0100807		05-12-2005	Yamazaki et al.
		US 2004/0132920	A1	07-08-2004	Matsumura et al.
		US 6,839,537	B2	01-04-2005	Mouri et al.
		US 6,864,030	B2	03-08-2005	Shirai et al.
		US 6,653,040	B2	11-25-2003	Ohba et al.
		US 6,146,802	A	11-14-2000	Okada et al.
		US 6,117,607	A	09-12-2000	Shimizu et al.
		US 6,063,537	A	05-16-2000	Nakamura et al.
		US 6,022,661	A	02-08-2000	Kurose et al.
		US 5,707,772	A	01-13-1998	Akimoto et al.
		US 5,858,596	A	01-12-1999	Tajima et al.
		US 5,738,964	A	04-14-1998	Uchida et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.[1]	Foreign Patent Document: Country Code[3]	Foreign Patent Document: Number[4]	Foreign Patent Document: Kind Code[5] (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation[6]
		WO	02/084408	A1	10-24-2002		Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.[1]	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation[6]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

[1]Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). [2]See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or follow the hyperlink from the title of the document to the intranet. [3] Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). [4]For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. [5]Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. [6] Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.